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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PBOR MOPS SO ET
SUBJECT: REPORT OF IMMINENT ATTACK ON SOMALIA

1. IN MEETING WITH MOOSE JAN 16, FCO DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY GRAHAM RAISED REPORT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM
MOGADISCIO DESCRIBING SIAD'S CONVOCAION OF WESTERN
AMBASSADORS YESTERDAY. SIAD MADE PITCH THAT A SOVIET-
INSPIRED ATTACK ON SOMALIA (HARGEISA AND BERBERA) WAS
IMMINENT AND THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENTS MUST THEREFORE
PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE INCLUDING MILITARY FORCES.

2. MOOSE AGREED THAT, GIVEN THIS NEW URGENCY, IT WOULD
BE DESIRABLE TO EXTEND THE NAMIBIA CONTACT GROUP TALKS
IN NEW YORK ON JAN 18 FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE FOUR ON
THE HORN THE FOLLOWING DAY. ITALIANS MIGHT ALSO BE
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INCLUDED WHICH COULD USEFULLY REMOVE HORN DISCUSSION
FROM THE QUADRIpartite CONTEXT. BRITISH SUGGEST THAT
INVITATION FOR N.Y. TALKS ON HORN COME FROM U.S.
DEPT SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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